

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has studied the Office Action of March 31, 2005 and made amendments to the claims, as indicated hereinabove, to place the application in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 8, 10 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice to prosecuting the same in future continuation application(s). Claims 2 - 7, 9, 11 - 12 and 14 - 15 have been amended, as indicated hereinabove, and are believed to be allowable. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 2 - 7, 9, 11 - 12 and 14 - 15 are presently pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 13 has been canceled, as indicated hereinabove, rendering the Examiner's rejections thereto moot.

Claims 14 - 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 14 - 15 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to recite sufficient antecedent basis for a "top housing portion" limitation. Claim 7 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 112 claim rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coleman et al (U.S. Patent 6,530,499) in view of Nakamoto et al (U.S. Patent 6,595,385) and further in view of Belokin, Jr. (U.S. Patent 3,638,830). Claims 1, 8

and 10 have been canceled, as indicated hereinabove, rendering the Examiner's rejections thereto moot.

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Belokin, Jr. in view of Nakamoto et al. Claim 13 has been canceled, as indicated hereinabove, rendering the Examiner's rejections thereto moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 103(a) claim rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 - 6, 9, and 11 - 12 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 3 - 4 have been amended and made dependent on newly rewritten independent Claim 2. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 6 has been amended and made dependent on newly rewritten independent Claim 5. Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 12 has been amended and made dependent on newly rewritten independent Claim 11.

Conclusion

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Applicant believes that the claimed invention, as amended, is in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed herein below to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

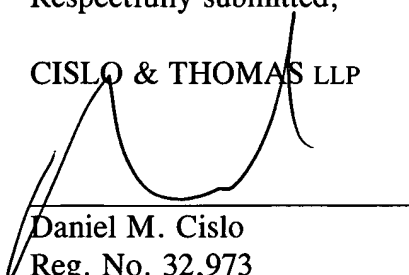
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In the event that any fees are deemed necessary, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Attorney's USPTO Deposit Account # 03-2030. A duplicate of this authorization is enclosed.

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